

ECHS ADVISORY NOTE NO 12 : EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN
ECHS POLYCLINIC

1. The 'Hippocratic Oath' or a its more modern version in 'Declaration of Geneva' enjoin the practitioners of noble profession of medicine to provide medical care to all patients in emergency to the best of their ability and judgement. A few cases have come to the notice of Central Organisation, ECHS where the polyclinic's administrative and medical staff have refused to provide medical treatment to patients experiencing medical emergencies. The practice is not only in contravention of medical ethics but also of Govt orders on the subject.

2. It will be ensured that, all ECHS Polyclinics provide available/possible medicare to any person in a situation of medical emergency. Any patient (irrespective of his status civilian/defence personnel/non ECHS member) who is brought to ECHS Polyclinic in emergency medical condition will be provided medical aid and subsequently referred to nearest hospital. Serving personnel and their dependents after First Aid/emergency attendance will be referred to nearest service hospital/civil hospital whichever is suitable for further management. In such emergency situation ECHS ambulance may be used for speedy transfer of the patient alongwith accompanying MO and Nursing Attendant.

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